

### **REMARKS**

Applicants have now had an opportunity to carefully consider the Examiner's comments set forth in the Office Action of July 19, 2007.

Reconsideration of the Application is requested.

### **The Office Action**

**Abstract** stands objected to.

**Claim 1** stands objected to because of the informalities.

**Claims 1-13, 29, 31, 33-40** stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being unpatentable over Millet (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2004/0085449).

**Claims 14-28, 30 and 32** stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. An allowable subject matter is indicated.

### **Status Of The Claims**

**Claims 1, 13, 29, and 31** are cancelled.

**Claims 41-49** are added.

**Claims 2-12, 14-28, 30 and 32-49** remain in the application.

### **Amendments to Abstract**

Abstract has been amended to alleviate objections to the Abstract. It is respectfully requested the objection to Abstract be withdrawn.

### **Claims Objections**

Independent claims 14, 24, 30 and 32 have been amended as suggested by the Examiner regarding claim 1 to alleviate the Examiner's objection because of the informalities. It is respectfully requested that this ground of objection be withdrawn.

### **Prior Art Rejections**

Applicants submit that Prior Art rejections are rendered moot in view of the amendments. It is respectfully requested that the prior art rejections be withdrawn.

**Claims are Allowable**

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter and placed the application in condition for allowance accordingly.

Claim 14 has been amended into an independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claim 14 and dependent claims 2-12, 15-23, and 33-36 are allowable.

Claim 24 has been amended into an independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claim 24 and dependent claims 25-28 are allowable.

Claim 30 has been amended into an independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claim 30 is allowable.

Claim 32 has been amended into an independent form. It is respectfully submitted that claim 32 is allowable.

Claim 37 has been amended into an independent form to parallel claim 14. It is respectfully submitted that claim 37 is allowable.

Claim 38 has been amended into an independent form to parallel claim 14. It is respectfully submitted that claim 38 is allowable.

Claim 39 has been amended into an independent form to parallel claim 14. It is respectfully submitted that claim 39 and dependent claim 40 are allowable.

**New Claims 41-49**

Claims 41-49 have been added to alternatively claim the invention. It is respectfully submitted that claims 41-49 are allowable.

**CONCLUSION**

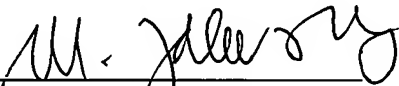
For at least the reasons detailed above, it is submitted that all claims remaining in the application (**Claims 2-12, 14-28, 30 and 32-49**) are in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

The undersigned attorney of record hereby authorizes charging any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

If the Examiner finds a personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call Marina Zalevsky at the telephone number listed below.

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